

In the claims:

(1) Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) An adjustment device; comprising:

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- a lifting mechanism having a lifting arm articulated to a component of a piece of furniture for moving the component between two end positions;
 - a rotary drive mechanism having an output member for imparting a rotational motion to a crossbar ~~relative to~~ move the component, and linked to the lifting arm; and
 - stationary support means associated to the rotary drive mechanism and to the piece of furniture, for at least partially absorbing a load moment exerted during movement of the component.

Claim 2 (Currently amended) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the support means includes at least one support beam extending from one longitudinal side to another longitudinal side of the ~~supporting structure~~ piece of furniture.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the support means includes two support beams extending from one longitudinal side to another longitudinal side of the ~~supporting structure~~ piece of furniture in

spaced-apart parallel relationship, said rotary drive mechanism positioned between the support beams.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The adjustment device of claim 2 wherein the at least one support beam extends in one of a horizontal direction ~~and~~ or vertical direction.

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cont Claim 5 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the rotary drive mechanism includes a housing and a rotary drive fitted in the housing, said support means including a fork head mounted to the housing of the rotary drive mechanism.

Claim 6 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the rotary drive mechanism includes a housing having a wall, and a rotary drive fitted in the housing, said support means including a rod received in aligned bores in the wall of the housing.

Claim 7 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the output member of the rotary drive mechanism is form-fittingly connected to the lifting arm of the lifting mechanism.

Claim 8 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 6 wherein the output member of the rotary drive mechanism is a rotation part with a polygonal bore, said lifting

mechanism including two of said lifting arm and a crossbar having opposite ends for interconnecting the two lifting arms, said crossbar snugly fitting in and extending through the bore.

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Claim 9 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 6 wherein the output member of the rotary drive mechanism is a rotation part with a polygonal bore, said lifting mechanism including a crossbar having opposite ends for interconnecting two parallel rods of the component, said crossbar snugly fitting in and extending through the bore.

Claim 10 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 8, and further comprising a mounting for securing the rotary drive mechanism to the supporting structure, and a profiled piece disposed on one of the lifting arms on a side which faces the rotary drive mechanism, said crossbar having one end distal to the rotary drive mechanism, said one end of the crossbar attached to the profiled piece.

Claim 11 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 1 wherein the rotary drive mechanism includes a housing and a rotary drive fitted in the housing, and further comprises stop means, mounted to one of the housing of the rotary drive mechanism and the lifting mechanism, for defining the end positions.

Claim 12 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 11 wherein the stop means includes a resilient stop member.

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Claim 13 (Original) The adjustment device of claim 11 wherein the rotary drive mechanism has a power supply line connected to the rotary drive, and an overload relay located in the power supply line for cutting the rotary drive when a current exceeds a predetermined value.

(2) Please add new claims 14 through 17 as follows:

Claim 14 (New) Motion furniture comprising:

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- (1) a piece of furniture having a movable footrest; and
- (2) an adjusting device for initiating movement of said footrest, wherein said adjusting device is (a) secured to a portion of said piece of furniture and (b) comprises:

- (i) a rotary drive mechanism; and
 - (ii) a crossbar connected to said rotary drive mechanism and connected to said footrest, wherein said rotary drive mechanism directly rotates said crossbar.

Claim 15 (New) Motion furniture of claim 14, wherein said crossbar connection to said footrest comprises a linkage system.

Claim 16 (New) Motion furniture of claim 14, wherein said crossbar connection to said rotary drive mechanism comprises a linkage system.

Claim 17 (New) Motion furniture of claim 14, wherein said crossbar is connected to said rotary drive mechanism by snug-fit passage of said crossbar through a polygonal bore in an output member of said rotary drive mechanism.